



Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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For: RESIDUAL SOLVENT EXTRACTION
METHOD AND MICROPARTICLES
PRODUCED THEREBY

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2004 (Paper No. 04202004), finally rejecting claims 1-15, 18, and 20-73, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and